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WITH the ushering in of another New Year we extend heartiest greetings to our many friends and customers, and express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous patronage accorded us throughout the year that has just closed. It is our earnest wish that 1913 may hold for you the greatest happiness and prosperity and may indeed be to you a Glad New Year.

Farmington Mercantile Co.

TOWN AND VICINAGE

Mr. Eb Cole of Blackwell was a Farmington visitor last Saturday.

There was an enjoyable dance at the State Hospital Tuesday night.

Mr. J. W. Banes of Fredericktown was in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. R. L. Fite of Bonne Terre was among The Times' appreciative callers last Monday.

Mrs. A. D. Brinkerhoff spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Waco, Texas.

Mrs. Ernest Blue of Poplar Bluff and Mrs. Norman Blue of Dexter are visiting Miss Minnie Blue.

Mrs. Genevieve F. Logan and Miss Raydell Thomas will return to Lenox Hall the first of the week.

The friends of Miss Gertie Peltz will be pleased to know that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. Emma Keller and her daughter, Miss Emma, are here from Fort Scott, Kansas, to spend the holidays.

Misses Helen Chenault and Maud Montgomery of Cape Girardeau came up Saturday to visit Mrs. Will Harlan.

Miss Estelle Hickok returned to her home in Columbia after a short visit to her mother, Mrs. Sarah Robinett.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Burks and children of Charleston spent the holidays with Misses Mary and Emma Lang.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Weber and their little daughter, Margaret, of St. Louis visited Mrs. E. J. Weber last week.

Mr. E. H. Matthews of Knob Lick was in town yesterday and started the New Year right by subscribing for The Times for 1913.

Mrs. W. T. Halle was called to Bonne Terre the first of the week on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Clark Johnson.

Mr. J. T. Hardin of Leadwood was transacting business in Farmington last Saturday and had himself enrolled as a Times reader.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Powers and little daughter, Dorothy, of Bismarck spent New Year's with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McBrien.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. Lee Cunningham at Cape Girardeau and Mrs. Bert Smith at Bloomfield.

President Gilliland brought his little son, Roy, from Bonne Terre Tuesday evening. Roy was operated on for appendicitis at the Bonne Terre hospital.

Don't you think the nicest present for a far-away friend or relative is The Times for a year? It is a weekly letter, full of events of interest that you might forget in a letter.

There will be a public sale of household goods and one family more at the Rebecca Pigg farm, near Thurman, next Saturday, January 4, by T. M. Cunningham, trustee.

Rev. C. E. Hickok left Monday for Orrick, Mo., where he performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Harrison of Hardin, and Miss Lillie Clark, on Wednesday, January 1, 1913.

Messrs. Geo. W. Armon and George R. Jordan, two of Frankfort's substantial citizens, were transacting business in town Monday and favored The Times with a pleasant call.

Dr. P. J. Cannon, osteopathic physician, has leased the Dr. E. C. McCormick residence and located here permanently for the practice of his profession. See card among the professional cards on eighth page.

Mr. John Horton of the Bismarck vicinity, one of the county's substantial old citizens, was in town Monday to pay his taxes, and paid his respects to The Times, of which he has been a valued subscriber for many years.

During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Horton and son, Thomas, visited Mrs. Horton's brother, Dr. W. A. Swearingen, at Steele, Mo., and other relatives in Mississippi and Arkansas. They report having a delightful trip and visit.

Miss Rebecca Gray gave a little luncheon Tuesday afternoon for her cousin, Miss Louise Britte, of DeSoto. The other guests were Misses Margaret Henderson, Virginia Marbury and Sarah Hickok. They had a most enjoyable time playing games.

Mr. Ed Henderson and his little daughter visited Rev. W. W. Killough at Perryville Sunday. Mr. Killough's friends will be glad to know that he has recovered from his very serious illness of several months, and expects to fill his pulpit next Sunday for the first time for many months.

Mr. Patrick Marlow of the Bismarck vicinity is visiting his old home in county Tyrone, Ireland, and his son, who was in Farmington one day last week, ordered The Times sent to his address. He will be gone two or three months, and we wish him a good time and a safe return.

MONDAY CLUB RECEPTION.

The annual reception and dance of the Monday Club Wednesday night, January 1, was largely attended and was as usual a great social success. The arrangements for the affair were in the hands of the social committee of which Miss Myra Clardy was chairman and the success was due to the efforts of her and her committee. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and Christmas greens and bells. The music was furnished by the Bonne Terre Orchestra under the able leadership of Mr. Girard Parsons, and it was said to be the best dance music they have had for a long time. The receiving line consisted of Mrs. Genevieve F. Logan, Mrs. Robert Forsyth, Mrs. Philip Cole and Mrs. Hugh Porter, and they were ready to receive the first guests at 8 o'clock and from that time on the guests came in rapid succession. Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Guess, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Carriek White, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blackledge, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Washburn, Mrs. Ernest Blue, Mrs. Norman Blue, Misses Raydell Thomas, Gladys Sellers, Blanche Bilharz, Duncan, Mildred Keith, Stophlet, Ruth Glenn, Olga Goff, Messrs. Oscar Bilharz, Cornwall, Forrester, Pitt and Will W. Waide. Coffee and sandwiches were served as well as red ice from blocks of ice from beautifully decorated tables. The Monday Club has scored another social success.

CAUGHT AT POPLAR BLUFF.

O. P. Fuller, who escaped from State Hospital No. 4 a couple of weeks ago, was identified and captured at Poplar Bluff and returned. Fuller is confined at the hospital as criminally insane, having murdered Mike O'Bryan at Union Station, St. Louis, about five years ago, his trial resulting in a verdict that he was insane.

FARMINGTON SECURES

MUCH DESIRED MAIL SERVICE VIA FLAT RIVER.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D., C. Dec. 24. Hon. Walter L. Hensley, House of Representatives: Sir: Referring further to your letter of August 3d with regard to improved mail facilities for the supply of Farmington, Missouri, by extending electric route No. 345007, Farmington and DeLassus, to Flat River, in order that Farmington may dispatch mails for connection at Flat River with the Mississippi & Bonne Terre Railway, I have the honor to inform you that an order has been issued to-day, effective January 1, 1913, extending service on the line of the St. Francois County Railroad Co., from Farmington to Flat River—frequency, three trips out and two trips in, daily except Sundays, and one round trip on Sundays, which will give the desired service to the patrons of the Farmington post office.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH STEWART,
Second Asst. P. M. Gen.

This matter was first brought to Mr. Hensley's attention during the extra session of Congress in the spring of 1910 by a committee of the Commercial Club, with a view of improving the mail facilities, if possible, with all points in the Lead Belt as well as further north. Mr. Hensley took the question up with the Post Office Department at once, and for some time it was held in abeyance. Finally the application was rejected on account of the charge incident to the transferring of the mails from the electric depot at Flat River to the M. & B. T. depot, a break of nearly a mile. When the electric railroad this last fall extended its line making direct connection with the M. & B. T. depot, Mr. Hensley again took up the matter with the Post Office Department and succeeded in securing the service, as the foregoing letter shows. This action of our wide-awake Congressman is in keeping with all his undertakings and his promptness in looking after every detail affecting the interests of this district. This service will give Farmington better and closer mail connection with all points in the Lead Belt, which was very much needed.

JOHN CAVIN, UNDER LIFE

SENTENCE, IS PAROLED.

John Cavin, who was convicted in this county of the murder of Sam Gann and his brother at a picnic at Knob Lick on July 4, 1904, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, was paroled on December 24 by Governor Hadley to W. C. Norwine of Flat River. Cavin was deputized by a notary public as a special officer at the picnic to keep order, and the Gann brothers started trouble, when Cavin slew them both. He had served eight years and six months of his sentence.

SUIT GOES AGAINST CITY.

The case of the city of Farmington against Dr. E. C. McCormick was tried by Judge E. M. Dearing, of Potosi, here last Thursday and Friday, and resulted in a judgment in favor of Dr. McCormick, and, as the issues determined are of importance, we will give a rather full report of the same.

On June 6, 1910, the Board of Aldermen, by a written resolution, ordered C. B. Rodgers, Street Commissioner, to repair Columbia street from its intersection with Kinzer street to its intersection with Jefferson street, and that portion of Columbia street from the "Morris" corner" up to the top of the hill about opposite the property of F. M. Carter being a distance of about 2,000 feet.

The city contended that the work done was in the nature of repairs, and all formalities in causing the work to be done were therefore dispensed with.

The greater majority of the property owners along the part affected paid the tax bills rendered against them, but Dr. McCormick, Merrill Pipkin, John Murrill, P. S. Cole, O. W. Bleack, M. P. Cayce, Adam Neider, J. E. McCormick, A. L. Orten and the churches, each refused to pay the bills, and it was stipulated that the city should institute suit against Dr. E. C. McCormick and let this case determine all.

The city took a change of venue from Judge Peter H. Huck last August, and Judge E. M. Dearing was called in to try the case.

The defendant contested the case on the ground that the work done was not repair work, but was a reconstruction of the street, and that the city had not given the proper notice to the property owners; had not caused the plans and specifications to be prepared by the city engineer, and had not attempted, by proper publication to let the contract out to the lowest and best bidder.

The city promptly appealed from the verdict and judgment in favor of Dr. McCormick to the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

It was stated by a prominent city official that no street improvement will be attempted until this case is finally decided by the appellate court.

Moothart Business Colleges organize new classes at opening Winter term, Monday, Jan. 6, 1913. Young people should then enroll, preparing for the many good office positions constantly offered to high-class stenographers and bookkeepers.

The Times wants a live correspondent in every town, post office and rural route in the county to chronicle the happenings and personal matters of interest to each. We will try to make it worth while to such correspondents. Write us and learn what we have to offer.

Flour \$2.50 per 100 Pounds

At present we have a shipment of Kansas Flour to which we wish to call the special attention of the public.

If you would like some Good Flour for less money, this is your chance.

All we ask for this Flour is a fair trial; in a fair trial it will "make good."

We have this flour in 24-pound and 48-pound sacks. A small sack will convince you of the merit of this Kansas Flour.

Fancy Northern Potatoes 75c.

Farmington nor any other town ever saw a finer display of big, smooth potatoes than those we are offering our customers this month. The sight of them makes you want to eat.

They look well, cook well and taste better.

Think of it! Perfect potatoes in the month of January for only 75c per bushel.

If you want some potatoes that will bring a smile of satisfaction to the entire family, please Phone 80 get 0.

Phone 80 **Klein Grocer Co.** Phone 80

DEATH OF J. CLARK JOHNSON.

Mr. John Clark Johnson, one of the county's oldest and most respected citizens, died at the home of his son-in-law, J. W. Helber, in Bonne Terre yesterday afternoon, January 1, 1913, aged over four score years. Mr. Johnson had been in feeble health for some time, and for several weeks his demise was expected almost daily. Mr. Johnson was the father of Mrs. W. T. Halle and Mr. J. H. Johnson of Farmington, and he leaves an aged wife, his companion for more than fifty years, three sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place this afternoon at Bonne Terre. A more extended notice of this worthy old citizen will be given in our next issue.

Licensed to Marry.

Dec. 27, J. A. Poston of St. Louis and Miss Amanda Marler of St. Joseph.

27th, Ross Ray and Miss Birdie Porter of Bonne Terre.

27th, Ed. Fitzpatrick and Miss Bessie Dyer of Bismarck.

27th, James Cooper and Miss Ida Martin of Leadwood.

28th, George T. Forshey and Miss Sarah Ethel Wells of Desloge.

28th, Gideon DeGrant of Desloge and Miss Rosa Lason of Claytown.

Weight of the Blood.

There are 28 pounds of blood in the body of an average grown-up person, and at each pulsation the heart moves ten pounds.

It is a fitting occasion this New Year time to express to all our friends and customers our high appreciation of their patronage during the past year. We hope by fair and courteous treatment and an earnest endeavor to keep only the purest and freshest drugs and the best of everything in our line, to merit a continuance of their favors.

Happiness, Peace and Prosperity throughout 1913 to all, is the sincere wish of the

City Drug Store

E. J. LAWRENCE, Mgr.

BLIND BOONE, THE PIANIST.

The Blind Boone Concert Co. will appear at the Opera House in Farmington on Tuesday evening, February 4. Blind Boone gave a concert here some years ago, and those who heard him then will remember that he gave a most wonderful performance. He will be accompanied on his appearance here February 4th by Miss Jessie Brosius, mezzo soprano, and Miss Emma Smith, soprano, of whose singing the Southern press speaks most highly. This concert will prove a rare musical treat to our people. Blind Boone was born in a Federal camp in Saline county, Mo., of which his mother was a contraband cook, in 1864. He lost his sight from brain fever when six months old. His talent for music was discovered soon after he could sit alone, when he would sit on a stone and play tunes with two sticks. This is his thirty-third season.

Italian Centenarians.

The latest census has revealed the existence in Italy of over 600 persons having lived more than a century.

A Slope Traveled.

One of the broad slopes of Mont Otnquez, France, is reported to have become detached from its foundations, and to have moved over a distance of nearly a quarter of a mile, carrying with it the soil, meadows and woods, and covering up in its passage roads and bridges that stood in the way. A chestnut grove has traveled five hundred feet without suffering any apparent damage, but many small lakes have been formed by the damming of the waters.—Scientific American.

Thought He Covered the Ground.

A man who was dunned by a book seller for a book delivered some time before returned the bill with this written on it: "I never ordered this book. If I did, you did not send it. If I got it, I paid for it. If I didn't, I won't."

Two 13-year-old boys Postageville, Orley McKennon and Orvil Smith, were celebrating Christmas by shooting at a mark with their blank cartridge pistols loaded with small shot, when young McKennon's pistol was accidentally discharged and the shot went through Smith's bowels. The wound was pronounced very dangerous.